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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.137(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions for the revival of the above-identified application.

Nature of Abandonment

A Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 31, 2004 in connection with the above referenced application. However, the undersigned attorney and Applicant never received the Notice due to an error by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of which the undersigned attorney and Applicant were unaware.

As will be discussed in greater detail below, the error related to the U.S. Patent and

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Trademark Office incorrectly entering a Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address in the above referenced application (10/829,524) that was submitted in connection with a non-related application (09/829,524) of another. Thus, the Applicant failed to respond to the Notice because the Notice was never sent to the undersigned attorney.

Response

Applicant and the undersigned attorney respectfully request that the requirement to file a response with this Petition be waived.

For reasons stated below, a response to the Notice cannot be submitted at this time since the undersigned attorney and the Applicant have never received and cannot obtain a copy of the Notice. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice be sent to the undersigned attorney so that a response can be filed at a later date.

The application was filed with filing fee and with an executed Declaration. A copy of the executed Declaration is attached.

Showing as to the Cause of Unavoidable Delay

The present application was filed on April 22, 2004 with small entity filing fee and an executed Declaration. A return postcard was received by the undersigned attorney from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, copy attached.

Unknown to the undersigned attorney and Applicant, an unrelated entity (Fliesler Meyer, LLP) submitted a Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address on May 27, 2004 with respect to an application having the serial number 09/829,524. Apparently, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office entered the Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address in the present application, serial number 10/829,524, without ever notifying the undersigned attorney or Applicant. See the attached letter dated May 19, 2005 from Fliesler Meyer LLP. This error was on the fault of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and was not first brought to the attention of the undersigned attorney or Applicant until May 19, 2005.

Apparently, a Notice to Filing Missing Parts was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 31, 2004. The undersigned attorney and Applicant never received a copy of the Notice from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or any other entity.

In addition, the undersigned attorney and Applicant never received any communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with respect to a change in the Power of Attorney or Correspondence Address.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a Notice of Abandonment on May 13, 2005. The Notice of Abandonment was forwarded to the undersigned attorney on May 19, 2005 from Fliesler Meyer LLP. As evidenced from the Notice of Abandonment, the correspondence address is the address of Fliesler Meyer, LLP.

The unavoidable delay for filing a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts is due to the undersigned attorney and Applicant never receiving a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts. To date, a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts has not been received by Applicant or the undersigned attorney. The Applicant and the undersigned attorney did not change the Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address in the present application. In addition, the undersigned attorney and Applicant were unaware that the Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address had been changed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and another. The change of Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address was due to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office incorrectly entering a Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address in the present application that was submitted for a totally unrelated application of another, 09/829,524.

Applicant and the undersigned attorney respectfully request that:

- the subject application be revived;
- the Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address be reinstated to reflect that as originally filed on April 22, 2004;
- a new Notice to File Missing Parts be issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and forwarded to the undersigned attorney with a reset response deadline; and
- the fee for this petition (\$250) be refunded to the Applicant via the undersigned attorney's deposit account since the error which caused the unavoidable delay was in no part due to the Applicant or its undersigned attorney.

Petition Fee Payment

Applicant claims small entity status. The Director is authorized to charge the fee for this petition of \$250, or credit any overpayment or refund, to Deposit Account No. 08-3040. A refund for the entire fee amount is requested.

This Petition is timely submitted within one month of the date of the Notice of Abandonment. A terminal disclaimer is not required.

Respectfully submitted, Howson and Howson Attorneys for Applicants

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